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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO EUROPE:
RECOMMENDING CALL AT OECD

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1. WE RESPECTFULLY RECOMMEND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT
MONDALE MAKE ROOM IN HIS SCHEDULE FOR MEETING WITH OECD
SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP. SUCH A MEETING WOULD IN
NO SENSE BE A PROTOCOL CALL IN MEANING OF REFTEL. OECD
IS THE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION
AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES IN WHICH, FROM ITS
INCEPTION, SUCCEEDING DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN ADMINIS-
TRATIONS HAVE LAUNCHED MAJOR NEW INITIATIVES IN INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY. OECD IS OUR ONLY FORUM
BRINGING TOGETHER US, EC AND JAPAN WITH SMALLER
INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FOR ECONOMIC POLICY CONSULTA-
TION AND HARMONIZATION AND ONE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S
STATED PURPOSES FOR VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT MONDALE'S TRIP
IS TO DISCUSS CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S PACKAGE OF
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ECONOMIC MEASURES. ANOTHER STATED PURPOSE OF THE TRIP
IS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF INCREASED OIL PRICES AND
THE OECD-IEA HAS BEEN THE OIL CONSUMER COUNTRIES' FORUM
FOR DEVELOPING A COHESIVE RESPONSE TO THE ENERGY
PROBLEM. BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH OECD ON THESE MATTERS
WOULD GO LONG WAY TO MOLLIFY SENSIBILITIES OF SMALLER
COUNTRIES WHO WILL NOT OTHERWISE BE CONTACTED AND WOULD

ALSO SYMBOLIZE DESIRE TO USE FULLY THE RESOURCES OF MULTILATERAL FORUMS, WHICH - BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS - ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FIELD. NOT TO DO SO IN COURSE OF TRIP IN WHICH VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT IS ALSO CALLING ON NATO, THE OTHER MAJOR ATLANTIC ORGANIZATION BESIDES OECD OF WHICH WE ARE MEMBER AS WELL AS AT EC HEAD-QUARTERS WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS CLEAR SIGNAL OF DOWNGRADING OECD (AND IEA) AND MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION GENERALLY.

2. IDEAL SCENARIO WOULD BE CALL AT OECD HEADQUARTERS TO CONSIST OF BRIEF MEETING WITH VAN LENNEP AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF OECD AND IEA FOLLOWED BY BRIEF MEETING WITH OECD COUNCIL TO WHICH VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT COULD MAKE STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC PACKAGE AND CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S VIEWS ON FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. SCENARIO SHOULD NOT TAKE MORE THAN HOUR AND A HALF AND COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, BE FITTED IN EITHER ON WAY IN FROM THE AIRPORT OR IN LATE AFTERNOON OF DAY OF VISIT TO PARIS. IF TIME SHOULD NOT PERMIT, SHORTER VISIT AT OECD HEADQUARTERS FOR DISCUSSION WITH VAN LENNEP OR EVEN BRIEF CALL BY VAN LENNEP ON VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT AT HIS LODGINGS IN PARIS WOULD BE BETTER THAN NO CONTACT AT ALL.

3. ENTIRELY DISTINCT FROM THE FOREGOING RECOMMENDATION IS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR HOW THE OECD COULD BE USEFUL IN PREPARING FOR THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT. A
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